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REVIEW

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This beautifully printed volume covers the butterflies of the Caribbean island Jamaica with a detail which is commendable. In addition to the usual description of the species, together with pertinent nomenclatorial comments, there are sections of the book preceding these, covering, (a) the general ecological scene (Chapt. 1), early collectors (Chapt. 2), present day collecting (Chapt. 3), butterfly anatomy and biology (Chapt. 4), butterfly habitats of Jamaica (Chapt. 5) including indispensable ecological maps of the island and zoogeography (Chapt. 6) giving a faunistic comparison with other Caribbean islands and the mainland. Following these very useful sections 14 families of butterflies are described and figured. There is a fine, apparently complete bibliography.

This reviewer has no negative comments to make. It is characteristic of much present day terminology to fail to distinguish between what is new and what is right. This book is not the first time that the names *Argynnis* and *Speyeria* have become twisted recently: "Euptoieta as a genus . . . nor of its position close to *Argynnis* (s.l.) and through that Old World genus, to the silver-spotted *Speyeria* of the *New and Old World*."

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